

The Hartington City Council met on May 26, 2020 at the city hall for their regular meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. Notice of time and place of the meeting was given in the advance notice by posting. Notice of time and place of the meeting was communicated in the advance notice to the mayor and council.

Present were Mayor Becker; Councilmen Sudbeck, Peitz, and Bartling; City Clerk – Treasurer Schaecher, Deputy Clerk Becker, and Legal Advisor Pier. Councilman Christensen was absent.

Mayor Becker called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., followed by all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the open meeting law poster was on the back wall of the council room and reminded all present to silence their cell phones.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 meeting was made by Peitz and seconded by Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

The resignation letter from Deputy Clerk Shelly Becker was presented to the Mayor and Council, with May 29, 2020 being her last day. Mayor Becker thanked Shelly for her service and added that she was given a good opportunity for her family. Councilman Bartling made the motion to accept the resignation and this was seconded by Councilman Peitz. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 20200526 – Covid 19 and Use of Municipal Property for Youth Baseball/Softball was discussed. Clerk Schaecher stated that an end-of-the day email was received from the League of Municipalities, informing us to not pass this resolution, as updates have been made. A few of the men involved in the baseball and softball programs were present. Brice Grutsch stated he was not sure if he had enough softball participants to make a team this year. Scott Heimes stated that due to the Covid 19 regulations, they have chosen to not have 8 years and younger teams. Heimes reported that there are enough 9-10 year-old boys to make 4 teams. Don Whitmore stated that coaching will be tight this year for the Pony, Junior, and Senior leagues and may require more work to make a season for them happen. Clerk Schaecher asked if Jen Benson would be able to assist the program with the forms and paperwork, as there is a lot required with the Covid 19 guidelines. Whitmire stated they were hoping she would, along with parents volunteering. A motion was made by Councilman Peitz to table the resolution and this was seconded by Councilman Sudbeck. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling –yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

Building permits were presented and reviewed from Bill Thoene – Roof Over Patio, Austin Becker – Dog Kennel, and John Freeman – Storage Units. A motion was made by Bartling and seconded by Peitz to approve the permits. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes. Motion carried.

#### Department Reports:

Park – Councilman Peitz: None

Pool/Interim Gun Range – Councilman Bartling: Discussion has been had with Traci Baller regarding the lifeguards being able to follow the Governor’s guidelines. There was nothing to report for the interim gun range.

Mayor Becker stated the Park Board meets tomorrow and they are waiting for more guidelines from the State in order to open in a safe manner. Mayor Becker reported that Miller Painting has some touch-ups that they need to make and along with the other preparations, it should only take about a week for the pool to be up and ready.

Complex/Auditorium – Councilman Sudbeck: Discussion was made with Brad Arens and the new playground equipment should be installed at the Complex by June 01, 2020. The person who is taking care of the bat problem at the auditorium was here today to finish up the project. Roger Koch installed one of the new heaters at the auditorium and both will be complete this week.

Fire/Ambulance-Councilman Christensen: Absent

General – Mayor Becker: None

Steve Pier: Discussion regarding the gun range took place with Peg Anderson from Anderson and Anderson Insurance. It sounds like the gun range will need to purchase its own policy for recreational land use.

Clerk Schaecher: None

Deputy Clerk Becker thanked the City for giving her the job opportunity and that she has left things organized for the next person to take over.

Public Comments: Rob Dump asked the Mayor and Council if there were plans in place in case the pool does not open and baseball and softball does not take place in the near future. Mayor Becker stated he is hoping to get the playground equipment opened up, along with the pool, and baseball and softball going. Mayor Becker stated things will not be the same as previous years due to the Covid 19 guidelines, but is hoping for the best.

The following bills were presented for payment:

General: Kathol Turf 100.00 and Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 26,586.61

Streets: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,843.86, Black Hills Energy 358.22, Bomgaars 154.92, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 485.92, and Steffen Electric 493.10

Water: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2,862.83, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 342.13, Municipal Supply 126.95, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 13,323.75, Nebraska Public Health 85.00, and One Call Concepts 22.99

Sewer: Black Hills Energy 84.32, Bomgaars 142.31, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 2,758.32, One Call Concepts 22.99

Sanitation: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 1,594.94, Bomgaars 28.98, and Franklin Templeton Investor Services 536.41

Fire: Black Hills Energy 113.74 and Randy Kathol Construction 98.00

Ambulance: Avera Sacred Heart Hospital 515.22, Black Hills Energy 113.74, CLIA Laboratory Program 180.00, Emergency Medical Products 46.71, and Steffen Drug Store 11.98

Cemetery: Bomgaars 489.97

Recreation: Bomgaars 27.76 and S. Albers 400.00

Pool: Black Hills Energy 30.95

Parks: Bomgaars 282.57, Creative Sites 19,839.00, Diane's Greenhouse 1,111.26, and Lammers Construction 148.00

Complex: Bomgaars 33.05 and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 1,500.00

Library: Blue Cross/Blue Shield 4,360.11, Black Hills Energy 176.45, Centurion Technologies 79.00, Eakes Office Solutions 74.66, K. Emanuel 31.29, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 291.24, Hometown Leasing 48.40, Ingram 572.27, Midamerica Books 119.70, Nebraska Library Association 30.00, Tri-State Turf & Irrigation 58.68, and X-Pert Lawn and Landscaping 507.00

City Hall: Black Hills Energy 34.22, Bomgaars 14.99, Franklin Templeton Investor Services 301.62, P. Guy 100.00, and Premier Lawn and Landscaping 70.00

Auditorium: Black Hills Energy 257.65

Economic Development: Franklin Templeton Investor Services 172.44

Transfer Station: Bomgaars 55.97

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilman Peitz and seconded by Councilman Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz - yes. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Peitz and seconded by Bartling. A roll call vote was taken. Bartling – yes, Sudbeck – yes, and Peitz – yes.. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. The next scheduled meeting is for June 08, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Natalie Schaecher  
City Clerk - Treasurer